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In Reference to Comments on IB Docket No. 11-109

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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC, 20554

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FCC Mail Room

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Growing up in the Holy Cross area, I encountered the "digital divide" early on. Now, many years later it is still there and more glaring. The need for a national broad band wireless network is imperative. I am asking the FCC to support a plan by a company called LightSquared, an experienced communications provider, so we will have a new wireless broad-band network paid for with private investment that will reach 95% of all Americans when completed. This nationwide 4G-LTE wireless broadband network will use a combined satellite and terrestrial based system. Not only will it provide seamless and affordable access to high-speed wireless internet but it would greatly enhance competition in the broadband wireless industry because they intend to offer their network as wholesalers. This would allow many new wireless competitors to enter the market, bringing innovation, choice and lower prices.

The opposition to this network from the GPS industry is based on the interference receivers experience when they operate inside LightSquared's spectrum. Your Commission is working to identify and mitigate these interference issues. Instead of cooperating, the GPS industry declares that no solution is possible and seems intent on derailing this private-sector investment in broadband infrastructure. For over 10 years, LightSquared has worked to accommodate the GPS receivers. Their latest concession is to voluntarily restrict the spectrum it will use thus solving the interference issue for 99.95% of GPS receivers.

I believe, and ask you to encourage both Congress and the FCC that the GPS industry should make the adjustments to the .05% of GPS receivers so America and Texas can move forward with the broadband expansion we desperately need. That is a small investment to ask from for-profit companies that currently use for free, taxpayer-funded GPS satellite systems.

In closing, please continue to encourage the FCC to approve LightSquared's plan and urge the GPS makers to work towards a solution. We need more broadband capacity and more competition in wireless.

Sincerely,

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